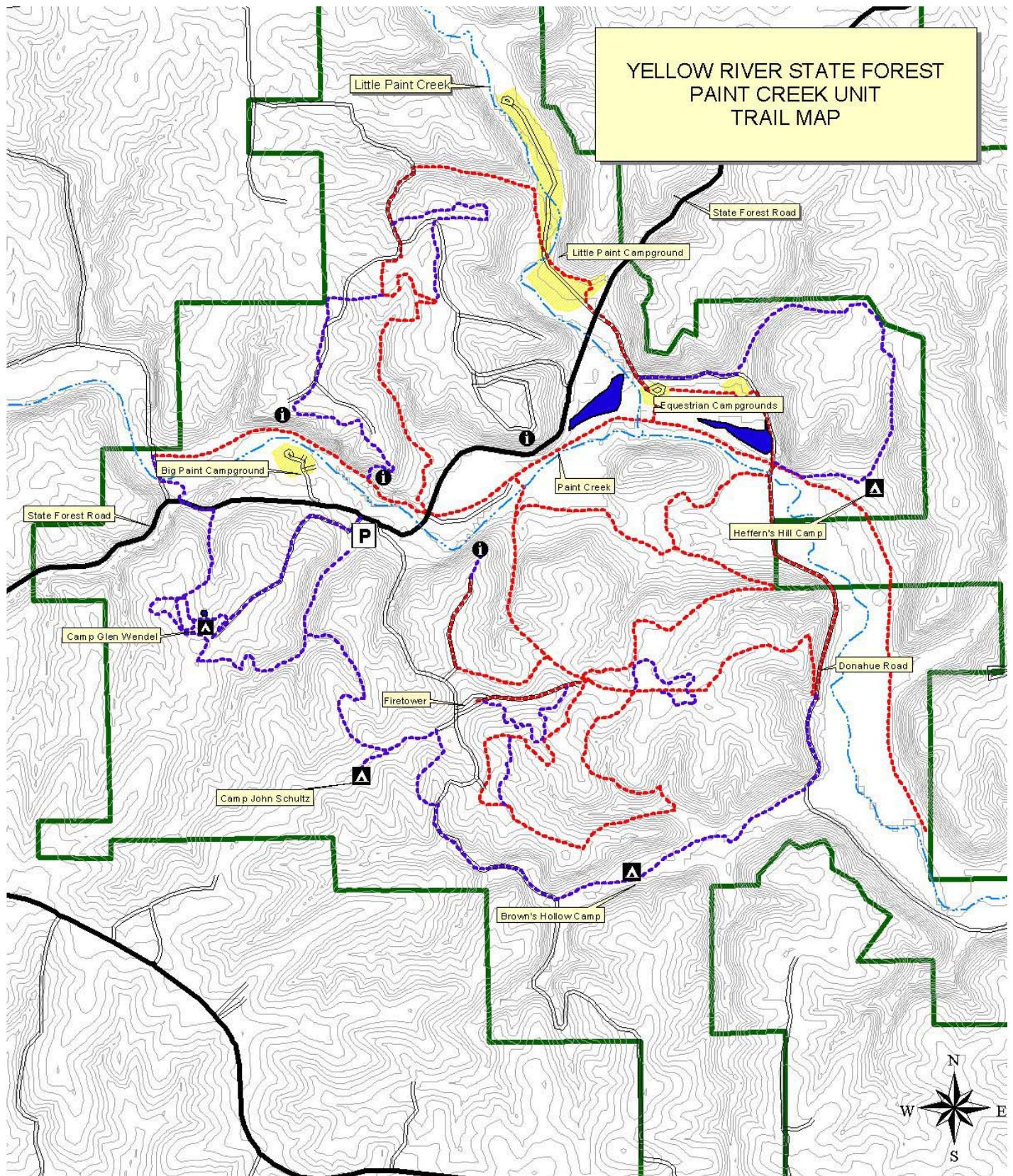


YELLOW RIVER STATE FOREST PAINT CREEK UNIT TRAIL MAP



- Hiking, Equestrian, and Bike Trails
- Hiking Trail **Bikes and Horses Prohibited**
- State Forest Boundary

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- Overlook
- Backpack parking, trail head, Area Headquarters
- Backpack Campsite

- Car Camp Areas
- Gravel Road
- Hard Surfaced Road

YELLOW RIVER STATE FOREST RECREATIONAL TRAILS

Yellow River State Forest is managed by the Forestry Bureau of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. While forest management and protection is our primary mission, we are able to provide recreational opportunities to the public as well. As you navigate our trail system, you will notice many examples of our forest management. If you have questions or comments regarding forest management or trees in general, please stop in at the headquarters to inquire.

CAMPING FACILITIES

Camping fees vary by time of the year and are posted at the self registration areas in each campground. All sites are primitive and the only amenities are picnic tables and fire rings. Potable water, maps and information, and a 10-minute phone is available at the information kiosk on County Road B-25 near the headquarters. Slabwood for camp fires is placed in the camp areas when available. Other camp fire wood may be cut from trees which are dead and down on the forest area. No trees may be felled for firewood.

There are several camp facilities at Yellow River Forest. Two areas are provided specifically for equestrian campers. There are approximately 40 equestrian sites. Hitching rails and posts are provided in these areas. Do not tether animals to trees.

Those who do not have equine animals are asked to camp at Big Paint or Little

Paint campgrounds to avoid congestion in the equestrian areas.

Four backpack campsites are also available for backpackers. There is no charge for use of the backpack camping areas.

TRAILS

We have about 25 miles of trails at Yellow River Forest, about 20 are available to equestrian and bicycle use. Equestrians and mountain bikes are prohibited on trails which are marked "No horses". **Off trail riding is not permitted.** Additional horse and bike riding may be found on our gravel road system in the Paint Creek Unit.

Trails range from flat to steep, from grass covered to rocky surfaces. Our trails are mowed several times annually, so they are easy to follow. The trails are signed at appropriate locations, but signage was designed to be unobtrusive. Please use a map and compass and keep track of your location so you do not become disoriented.

If you encounter hazards on the trail, such as fallen trees, please report them to the area headquarters or to the park ranger.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Yellow River State Forest is a primitive area and we do not provide supervision for trail users. Much of the trail system is shared by hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians as well. Please use common sense while using our trails and extend courtesy to other users along the way.

These are your trails, please accept some responsibility for their care and for the quality of the trail experience for other

users. Try to keep noise at a minimum. Pack out all your trash and pick up other litter you may encounter along your way. Stay on the designated trails to prevent erosion of our fragile forest soils. Dismount and walk to the overlooks. Horses are not permitted on the overlooks. Water animals in the creeks and ponds only at appropriate locations. Respect private property. Report problems, hazards, or suggestions for improvement to the area headquarters or park ranger.

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